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# CUT OUT FOR IT?



Smashed up: The BMW, top, following the crash; An air ambulance at the scene near Cox Lane, Chessington

## Strike replacement fire crew unable to free man after car crash

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A man injured in a car crash was trapped for more than an hour-and-a-half when a strike replacement fire crew could not cut him free.

The man, in his 20s, was hurt when a BMW crashed at the junction of Cox Lane and Jubilee Way in Chessington on Sunday.

Paramedics were called at 12.46pm, but it is unclear how long

the replacement fire crew, covering for firefighters striking over pension plans, took to arrive. The air ambulance was also called.

Ian Leahair, Fire Brigades Union (FBU) executive council member for London, said: "It is not something that's new. We believe that the arrangements in place are not sufficient.

"These individuals get a very minimal amount of time in training.

"What were they doing for all the time they were there?

"The air ambulance was tied up

for a considerable amount of time, as were paramedics."

Firefighters from Surbiton's green watch, who were on strike from noon to 2pm, cut the man free within 15 minutes of arriving at 2.15pm.

Mr Leahair said: "They have a duty as a fire authority to put a replacement on for us.

"Firefighters want to see an end to this dispute as much as the public does."

A London Fire Brigade spokesman said: "We have a contingency arrangement, which we use when our

normal level of service is unavailable due to FBU strikes.

"This provides 27 appliances from 14 deployment bases, as opposed to 155 appliances from 102 fire stations under normal circumstances and is not designed to replicate our usual capability and response.

"It is inevitable therefore that the brigade's average attendance time will exceed the normal six-minute target to get the first fire engine to the scene of an incident.

"Contingency fire crews are trained to have a basic fire and

rescue capability, this includes being able to operate a limited range of specialist equipment, such as cutting tools to deal with some road traffic collisions."

London Ambulance said an ambulance, two response cars and a duty officer were dispatched to the crash. Two patients were taken to St George's Hospital.

A Kingston police spokesman said the driver was taken to hospital with a suspected broken leg. The passenger's injury was not thought to be life-threatening or life-changing.



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## Event aims to please



**Taking aim:** Wannabe outlaws and knights descended on the Fairfield for Kingston Museum's Robin Hood festival. Kids and big kids enjoyed archery demonstrations and a hog roast on the sunniest day of the weekend. Pictured are White Boar historical interpreters Bryan Barrett and Thomas Jennings with their longbows

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## Hospital helpers to double

The number of volunteers at Kingston Hospital will nearly double by 2016, bosses have said.

Patients with dementia will benefit most as the hospital receives a share of a £600,000 Cabinet Office fund.

Duncan Burton, director of nursing and patient experience, said: "It means that we can grow the scope and impact of our volunteering service, and enables us to provide additional volunteers where the need is greatest.

"One of these areas is for

patients with dementia, where trained volunteers will enhance the service we provide, by for example supporting calming activities for patients such as knitting, music and reminiscence therapy."

A new service helping patients when they are discharged will also be launched, he said.

The hospital already has more than 600 volunteers.

To find out how to get involved, contact richard.coxon@kingstonhospital.nhs.uk or call 020 8934 3620.



**Good news:** Some of the volunteers celebrate after hearing about the financial award for Kingston Hospital

# It's all happening at the Surbo

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A literary salon, a grand prix, a business conference and more, this year's Surbiton festival – rebranded the Surbo – will be bigger than ever.

The week-long festival will also offer cooking demonstrations by Kingston foodbank chefs, as well as musical performances at the Cornerhouse community theatre.

Festival organiser Bob

Noble said: "You've got all these businesses hidden away in Surbiton.

"These are people who work from their kitchens, their sheds, their homes.

"The idea is to get those home businesses out and get people to see what they do." But he added: "The point of the festival isn't to make money. It's actually to put your hand up and say, 'I'm part of Surbiton'."

The week's events are designed to appeal to all age groups, with poetry and writing workshops backed by the Regency bookshop, a

Scalextric grand prix at the Holiday Inn and an evening of outdoor theatre at the Grove in Maple Road.

There will also be a networking event for small businesses – an informal affair where Powerpoint presentations will be banned.

Residents can bring home-grown food to St Andrew's Church to see chefs from Kingston foodbank turn it into thrifty dishes – and any leftovers will be distributed by the charity the following week.

Entries for the festival's photo competition, on the

theme of My Kinda Town, are open until Tuesday, August 26.

The Surbo will run from Saturday, September 20, to Saturday, September 27.

Following last week's cancellation of the Kingston Carnival, Kingston police have reassured organisers there will be plenty of officers available for the final festival day, which will see market stalls, music, dancing and the traditional parade through the town.

For full details of all the events, visit [surbitonfestival.co.uk](http://surbitonfestival.co.uk).



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# RIDE LONDON: Bike fans enjoyed the cycling showcase while others bemoaned the disruption caused

## Back in the saddle as heavens open

REPORTER

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The heavens opened up on thousands of cyclists who raced their way through the borough for Ride London at the weekend.

Amateur cyclists and 150 pros, including Sir Bradley Wiggins, made their way through Kingston town centre twice for the second Ride London event.

In the Ancient Market Place children donned raincoats to play in the seaside-themed giant sandpit that town centre managers Kingstonfirst had put up.

A Punch and Judy show, helter skelter slide and a game of hook a duck were all on offer.

But Surbiton resident Aine Lark, who watched the cycling showcase come through Market Place, said: "I don't think dressing the Market Place up as a seaside resort added any value to the occasion."

"The day before, it felt claustrophobic and on the Sunday access was limited because of the barriers."

"The Market Square seemed really dead – and it was dry at that point. It was quite sad to look into it and see so few people compared to the Olympics."

"It is possible the weather had an impact."

Jerry Irving, chief executive at Kingston Chamber of Commerce, said: "Businesses are slowly being won over by the event. It is quite clear it is meant to be like the London marathon for cyclists and it will continue to grow in popularity."

"It's good for Kingston as we are one of the central towns involved."

"It looked fairly busy in terms of spectators so I hope that led to some business at least for the hospitality businesses in town. It is here to stay so we need to make the most of it."

Cyclist Kris Cook, 36, from Woking who cycled through Kingston during the race, died after suffering a cardiac arrest 46 miles into the route.

Organisers had also shortened the course of the race from 100 miles to 86 miles following health and safety concerns brought about by the heavy rains.

Some Kingstonians complained about road closures and standstill traffic while others admitted it was much quicker to get around by public transport than ever before.

London Mayor Boris Johnson said: "From all the families and kids who've hopped on to the saddle, to the elite athletes and enthusiastic amateurs who've battled through driving rain, it's been a fantastic advert for cycling and for our city."



**Clockwise from left: Start of handcycle race; Cyclists whizz through Market Place; Ride London riders; Vintage fun in the town centre**

Pics: Dillon Bryden for Prudential RideLondon; Aine Lark; Kingstonfirst;

## Carnival: 'PR disaster for council'

Backers of Kingston Carnival have taken to social networking websites to criticise the decision by Kingston Council and police to pull the plug on the borough's annual multicultural festival.

Kingston Carnival 2014 was cancelled last week amid "security issues" that 5,000 revellers would turn up to the alcohol-free festival headlined by ska musician Neville Staple on September 7.

Jon Tolley, from Banquet Records who booked the act, took to social networking site Tumblr calling the cancellation a "tragedy" and a "PR disaster" for the new Conservative council.

He said: "It's not a gig getting cancelled. It's not that we were to use our PA for free and instead spend the entire budget on booking an A-grade act such as Neville Staple. It's not that the powers that be were told before announcement it would be Neville and we were given the green light. It's not that we've already paid a fee to Neville Staple, which we won't get back. It's not that Neville has played in

the borough five times I know of in the last five years with no reported trouble.

"It's not that this racism-fighting living-legend of a man – an OAP who walks with a walking stick – is less likely to start a riot than Apple opening its doors, or Pryzm shutting theirs. It's not that other events which cost as much money (IYAF, the Rose), or cause as much hassle, while being worthwhile events (the cycling, night markets), are not subject to such stringent conditions."

"It's not that the agent or the promoter of the artist isn't asked their projected numbers for such an event, nor that Neville Staple's manager found out about it via the Surrey Comet. It's not that we do with all the other things I can't put in the public domain. The problem is this..."

"It's the perception that Kingston Carnival doesn't matter to the new Tory council. I really don't think this can be the case, but if it's perceived as being so, then it's equally as bad as being so."

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# New country park is mooted – but where?

REPORTER

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Plans for a new country park are soon to be announced by Kingston Council, as it looks to address a dearth of open spaces in the borough.

Council leader Councillor Kevin Davis said he wanted people to be able to spend more time in open spaces closer to home.

No location has been revealed, leading to some concern among environmental groups.

Coun Davis said: "There are a lack of parks in Kingston. There are not as many open spaces as we could have."

"There is the Fairfield and Memorial Gardens, but if we are going to build more houses we

need more open spaces for people to have picnics and enjoy the weather.

"If there is going to be new homes built we need leisure facilities lined up for that because it is an important part of Kingston being a good place to live."

But Marilyn Mason, co-chairwoman of Kingston Environment Forum and secretary of Transition Town Kingston, said: "Whereabouts? What are they going to knock down? There is a difference between a golf course and a wildlife park."

"Something like Richmond Park on a smaller scale would be good, but it is difficult to know where it would be."

She added she would like to see wildlife, meadows or woodlands in the borough.

Although Coun Davis was

unable to say exactly where he was looking for a country park, he said: "Why can't Kingston have open places like Richmond?"

"I don't see why we can't. We have just got to look for it."

One space that may be available is the Surbiton filter beds, after proposals to build a 92-berth marina with 64 floating homes were rejected by the Planning Inspectorate in March.

Simon Tyrrell, from the Friends of Seething Wells group, said: "It certainly could [be an option]."

"I don't know exactly what a country park means, but part of our plans are the recovery of the neglected heritage aspects of the filter beds and making sure there is a flourishing water area for wildlife. We would welcome any discussion of that sort of arrangement."

## Crunch time as Jed bags place in flavour final

A Worcester Park teenager is in with a chance of winning £1m after dreaming up a new flavour of crisp.

Imperial College student Jed Poole, 19, is one of six finalists in Walkers' Do us a Flavour competition, a nationwide search for a new, tasty potato snack.

After receiving 1.2m suggestions from crisp fans across the UK, Walkers has now whittled the competition down to the final half dozen – including Mr Poole's Sizzling Steak Fajita flavour.

The winner will not only see their creation hit the shelves as Walkers' latest brand, they will

also walk away with a huge cash prize.

Mr Poole, who is studying civil and environmental engineering, said: "Fajitas are my favourite dish and I always wondered what they would taste like in the form of a crisp."

"My mum cooks them whenever I return home during university holidays as they are always one of my first requests."

Other flavours in the mix

include cheesy beans on toast, ranch racoon, chip shop chicken curry and pulled pork in a sticky barbecue sauce.

Mr Poole said he would spend the winnings on paying for his education and travelling.

Although he opted for steak as his new recipe, his personal favourites are classics such as ready salted and salt and vinegar.

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## Review launched into child's death

Independent investigators have launched a serious case review into the death of a Coombe Boys' School student at the Bentall Centre in July.

Joon Kyu Kim, 15, fell to his death on Monday, July 21.

A Kingston police spokeswoman

said: "[Kingston Council's] children's services and the police have been working closely with the family to investigate the circumstances of this incident.

"An independent serious case review has been commissioned by the local safeguarding

children board.

"This review is undertaken as standard procedure whenever a child dies in such tragic circumstances.

"As this is an ongoing review, we will not be discussing further at this stage."



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Commuters may no longer have to make the leap of faith at Norbiton station, with plans put forward to redesign both platforms and eliminate the "Norbiton gap".

Network Rail and South West Trains will refurbish both sides of the station to reduce the gap between trains and platforms.

Work will begin next year, with completion proposed for early 2016.

Campaigners claimed victory this week, though the operators had indicated nearly two years ago work would begin in 2015.

Kingston and Surbiton MP Edward Davey said: "It has felt like a significant shift.

"Before, it has been promises. Now, we have got the work



**Campaigners: Kate Grimes, MP Edward Davey and Bill Brisbane celebrate** KT86845

happening and commitments.

"I'd like to thank all the groups like One Norbiton, who've helped us pile on the pressure. We must all still monitor to make sure the investment happens on time."

Sam McCarthy, from the

Network Rail South West Trains Alliance, said: "We have now begun work to design a solution to reduce the stepping gap and make it easier for passengers using Norbiton station.

"This is a complex piece of work and we are therefore planning for the improvements to be completed by early 2016."

The gulf between the train and the platform edge has proved dangerous for passengers.

Kingston Hospital chief executive Kate Grimes has long backed efforts to fix the gap.

She said: "It's important for our patients. I just hope we get it quickly. We will do anything we can to make sure it stays on track."

Labour's parliamentary candidate Lee Godfrey said: "The gap has caused inconvenience to local passengers for years.

"But, in truth, this is not current news. South West Trains announced this work back in 2012."

## Hospital abuse figures shock

Kingston Hospital staff suffered accidents and abuse from patients 356 times last year.

Between April 2013 and March this year, 113 instances of abuse by patients were logged – including 53 physical assaults.

There was also one instance of a staff-on-patient assault reported, and one of staff-on-staff.

A hospital spokeswoman said both incidents were "very minor" and were dealt with internally, without police involvement.

Incidents involving sharp instruments such as needles rose from 85 to 98, prompting a renewed safety drive and extra guidance for workers.

Staff slipped, tripped or fell 40 times, according to the hospital's 2013-14 health and safety report.

A third of the falls occurred on wards. The report also said 784 security incidents were logged, including 36 thefts and 134 missing people.

## Assault charge denied

A man has denied assaulting two women at a Kingston nightclub.

Louis Sholti Bricusse, 22, from Twickenham, was charged with two counts of common assault against Sophie Ambridge and Rachel

Ambridge. It is alleged to have happened at McClusky's, in Thames Street, on February 16.

Mr Bricusse was bailed to appear back at Wimbledon Magistrates' Court for trial on November 3.

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Syrian civil war forces trader to look at new business venture

# Time for a coffee at the Clocktower Cafe

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An entrepreneur who lost his business to the Syrian civil war has staged a remarkable comeback, opening a new venture this week.

Kassem al Naffakh was due to open the Clocktower Cafe in Surbiton this week.

The former public toilets, in Claremont Road, have been converted by Mr al Naffakh, who lost his water treatment business three years ago when the Syrian conflict broke out.

Mr al Naffakh, 59, who lives in Surbiton, said: "My total market was in Syria. The Syrian market was very good and I had no time to expand the business as it was doing well."

The conflict, which has been raging since 2011, put a stop to the export of appliances, and unrest in nearby Egypt and Libya further complicated matters.

Mr al Naffakh said his family persuaded him to change careers, and he began working to convert the block in June last year.

Most of the work was finished in



**Cafe: Kassem al  
Naffakh with  
daughter Judi**  
Deadlinepix KT86820

February, but difficulties, including rainwater leaking into the basement during the wet winter, meant completion was delayed.

Mr al Naffakh said: "It took time for us to get the permission from the council."

"We couldn't really touch anything. It's a good space, just next to the park and also Waitrose is next door, which is busy all the time. It just needs some final touches."

The cafe was due to open in the middle of this week, Mr al Naffakh said, serving Lebanese food

alongside traditional cafe fare.

The toilet block, closed in 2008, was declared surplus to requirements by the council in 2011.

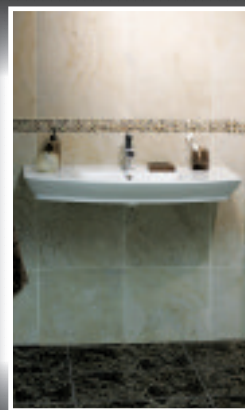
Alison Persson, from the Surbiton Business Community, said: "I think it's good it is going to be used and become part of the community. We always welcome new businesses."

Surbiton Councillor Malcolm Self said: "I will be pleased to see it open. I hope it is a success, and I would have thought it would be given its location."



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#### Prudential Ride cycle race

Shame the whole bike race can't be cancelled. The whole of central London was a total nightmare yesterday (Saturday) trying to get to Covent Garden from Battersea. Hope the money they paid to enter (do they pay?) goes towards widening our roads (which will give more room to cyclists) and mending potholes.

**BUGGSIE**

Widening roads in central London? What are you thinking of pulling down? The only solution to congestion is to promote, where feasible, the use of modes requiring minimum space such as cycling. (Yes; I am aware that delivering to supermarkets by bike isn't feasible.)

**PLUTON**

While you were wondering why central London was busy with traffic (isn't this the norm?) thousands of people were raising millions for charities. Sorry for your delay due to a well-publicised annual event.

**KINGS\_GUY**

Let it be the last one, and good riddance to it. I hope it was yet again a financial disaster for the great god of shopping in Kingston.

**ROB\_C**



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# A perfect opportunity to uncover truth behind rumours of what lies beneath Our Tudor heritage buried under school foundations?

Where are Tony Robinson and Time Team when Maldens and Coombe need them?

Having read the announcement that Coombe Hill School will be allowed to build additional classrooms, I hope both Kingston Council and the schools will take the opportunity to undo a heritage oversight that hearsay tells was perpetrated with the construction of the junior school extension years ago.

Local hearsay is that, when digging the foundations, the contractor exposed some well-formed, but clearly very old, brickwork.

It is further said that the bricks

appeared to be handmade and resembled those in the lower part of the wall at the top of Traps Lane, ie, of the Tudor period.

Disastrously, it appears that due to cost and programme constraints, no one wanted to temporarily delay the construction of the extension.

Rather than the brickwork being exposed further and investigated, it was decided – apparently with the sanction of the council at the time – that the bricks be concreted into the foundations of the new structure. Concrete was poured and everyone ignored the old

channels in the ground.

These are not forgotten.

Plans of the site available to the contractor and the council at the time indicate there was a known feeder to Wolsey's Coombe Conduit under the school.

As such it should have been clear that the exposed handmade brickwork could have been Tudor and the opportunity taken for it to be investigated and logged.

Comparing plans indicates the site of the extension as being directly over the feeder, as was the main school before that.

We are now hopefully living in

enlightened times and such damage to Tudor heritage, if it proves to be such, can no longer be tolerated.

If the area of works involves exposing part of any remaining feeder then please, please can the previous actions be prevented from being repeated.

Please could due consideration, investigation and programming be given by all this time round, such that if there is Tudor heritage in the area beneath the school, it is duly catalogued and photographed, protected and preserved.

**JULIAN MCCARTHY**  
 New Malden

## Head in sand on climate

After reading Your Say I was enthused to write in response to Paul Morgan (If Davey can't see the light on wind – vote him out, July 31).

In his criticism of Edward Davey MP, in which he says it has been said Davey is "as dim as an eco lamp bulb", he continues to state that there has been no overall warming of the globe due to man for the past 15 years.

He has obviously been taking his information from the usual fossil fools, climate dinosaurs and flat Earthers from the same old non-scientific media sources.

May I, with due respect, bring to readers' attention the fact that 97 per cent of scientists now say that man-made climate change is unequivocal.

As Obama said, we do not have time for a meeting of the Flat Earth Society. Sticking your head in the sand might make you feel safer, but it is not going to protect you from the coming storm.

The poorest in society will, in fact, be the most affected by increased extreme weather events. It really is time to find solutions to reduce our carbon pollution.

On a more local level, Paul Durrant suggests how well the Greenway is working (Greenway now working well after earlier concerns, July 31). But it could be even better. Let us make it more attractive.

I was disappointed that the cypress trees were simply given up on, and still remain as dead sticks on the gateway to our beautiful borough.

How about some pollinator-friendly wildflower planting, like that at various sites across the borough? The rear of Surbiton station and the sites in Chessington, which never fail to bring a smile to people's faces.

It is time to think global and act local. It is all interconnected.

**SIMON JAKEMAN**  
 Hook

## Stories behind the war names

I am researching names engraved on the war memorial at Longparish near Andover, Hampshire, of those who fell in the Great War.

I am trying to trace the descendants of a soldier with connections to the Surbiton area and I wonder whether any of your readers can help me.

Private Albert Henry Brackstone, who originated in Longparish, was killed in action on May 1917.

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Arras memorial.

The address of his widow Daisy Winifred Brackstone (later Ireland) was 65 Worthington Road, Tolworth, Surbiton.

My objective is to ensure Private Brackstone and the others are more than just names carved in stone. The results will be displayed at a memorial concert in Longparish in November. Call 01264 720790 or email [henry.yelf@sky.com](mailto:henry.yelf@sky.com).

**HENRY YELF**  
 Andover

## A disgrace to our nation

I am not Jewish, but may I express my outrage at the note stuck to the door of Kingston Synagogue.

I am acquainted with the rabbi and his wife and a more gentle and educated couple you could not wish to meet.

If the morons who targeted this

synagogue are British, they disgrace our nation. This is a crime under the Racial and Religious Hatred Act 2006.

An appropriate punishment would be to withdraw the perpetrators' citizenship.

**MOYA ST LEGER**  
 St Margarets

## Borough view



Richard Mason snapped this image of Kingston Bridge from Bishop's Walk. To see your photo featured in Borough View, email it with details of where you took it to [jon.sharman@london.newsquest.co.uk](mailto:jon.sharman@london.newsquest.co.uk).

### TWEETS of the WEEK



@anBhanna was peckish:  
 @McMoop New Malden is the new Shoreditch. Check the superb sushi at the train station.

@Tylea002 was feeling historic:  
 The place where I live is technically called "The Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames". British place names still super British.

@MFernando1 was frustrated:  
 @SW\_Trains how can you have a "lack of available coaches" but trains roll past Surbiton with vast swathes of empty space but don't stop? #waa

@Hannah\_Moy was encumbered:  
 We've been in Chessington for all of 10 minutes and I'm already left holding the bags!!

@kickthepj may have been hallucinating:  
 Just passed through Surbiton. Most definitely just saw some old wizardly looking dude with a huge white beard standing on the platform.

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## Make sure you get the right careers advice

Young people in the south east are driven to succeed at an early age, with more than four in five young people aged 14-19 (86 per cent) having given thought to their career options and the right steps to achieve the job they want.

That's according to new research from the Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT) which found the careers advice students receive is not keeping pace with their demands, resulting in some misleading assumptions such as having to gain a degree to enter careers like accountancy.

The survey commissioned by the AAT ahead of this year's A level and GCSE exam results found that 14-19 year olds in the south east are broadly optimistic about their prospects, with 82 per cent believing they are 'quite likely' or 'very likely' to enter their chosen career.

However, almost half (48 per cent) said that formal careers advice has not been very influential in them reaching this decision, or that they've received no careers guidance at all. As a result, one in five (21 per cent) of young people are

taking their next career or education step purely because their parents told them to, and more than one in six (16 per cent) are just doing the same as their friends – risking talented youngsters 'drifting' into a career they are not suited to.

Encouragingly, young people in the south east are considering a wide range of options, with over a third (39 per cent) having considered apprenticeships/traineeships and 28 per cent having looked at professional training.

However, the most popular path remains AS and A Levels, with over two-thirds of young people having considered these as future options (68 per cent).

The study indicates that the lack of careers advice could be having a detrimental effect on young people's choices, with 67 per cent believing that you need a degree to enter the

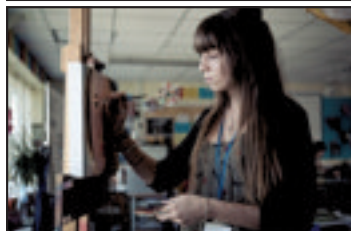


professional services industry – for example a job in accounting.

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**JUST BE YOURSELF** Easy-going male, 52, blonde hair, blue-eyes, own car, works as a builder, good sense of humour, seeking an easygoing lady, any race, in her late 40's or 60's, for a relationship. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 124525 or send a text to 80360

**SHOW YOUR COLOURS** Professional, solvent, athletic Surrey chap, 52, blond, divorced, no ties, good sense of humour, varied interests, looking for a sincere female, for love, romance and lasting of happiness. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 104782

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**SINCERE CHAP** Chivalrous, sincere, 58 year old Horsham male, 6ft, slim, good sense of humour, enjoys countryside, seaside, places of interest, theatre and cinema. Seeks a feminine lady for company and more. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 176805 or send a text to 80360

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**CALL ME YOURS** Happy, honest, reliable, 60 year old Putney guy, 6'1", N/5, many interests and a GSOH, looking for a lady of a similar age, hoping to meet a lady, whose soul mate. Will not disappoint. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 166176 or send a text to 80360

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**Genuine, caring, 63 year old SW London male, 5'8", stocky build, I like walking, swimming and meals out, would like to meet a slim female, for a long-term relationship. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 176323 or send a text to 80360**

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**LOVE IS OUT THERE** Presentable, young-at-heart, solvent Walton male, 65, 6ft, slim build, N/5, retired, GSOH, seeking a feminine, modern lady, for friendship and hopefully a loving relationship. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 159931

**PICK-UP HAPPY** Happy and solvent Surrey male, 66, own home and car, divorced, enjoys 60s music, bowling and cooking, seeking a vibrant, sincere lady, to share a happy life together. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 101747

**SO WHY NOT?** Down-to-earth, 68 year old Sutton male, widower, enjoy socialising and visiting the coast, would like to meet a female for fun, friendship and maybe more. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 169477 or send a text to 80360

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**NOT QUITE PAST IT!** Retired, professional Hampton lady, 75, GSOH, solvent, N/5, enjoys gardening, cooking, walks and meals in or out, searching for a similar female, positive with GSOH, for company and maybe more. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 127526 or send a text to 80360

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## GROWING PAINS

A Kingston author has published a coming-of-age dark comedy.

Emma Middleton has penned an e-book based loosely on her own experiences growing up.

The first-time-author says: "It's based around my own experiences growing up in the area, and features locations that may be recognisable to local youth – like Kingston town

centre and Ham.

"I used to write a diary when I was a teenager and a friend of mine read it and said I should publish it. It was a hobby and then it became something more."

The novel, *The Grungers*, follows a teenager getting into mischief and getting in with a new crowd who are trouble.

Middleton says: "It's all an important part of growing up."

● **The Grungers** by Emma Middleton; available to buy on Amazon for £4.12.



EMMA MIDDLETON

## GREEN'S PARK

Performers from across Kingston will descend on the Fairfield in a mini-festival designed to showcase the best of the borough.

The Green Theatre Company will host a full day of entertainment, including performances of Shakespeare, Chekov and Wilde, and a range of music.

Organiser Rebecca Cole says: "It will be a great day – lots of music and

entertainment.

"We are going to have an ice cream van too.

"It will be a wonderful way to spend the day.

"It will be for all the family so bring along a picnic and sit down for great music, theatre and comedy."

● **Arts in the Park; Fairfield, Kingston; August 30, noon-9pm; £5 adults, £2 kids, under-fives free; visit [greentheatre.com](http://greentheatre.com).**



THE GREEN THEATRE COMPANY



**SPORTS DAY:** A race day with a difference takes place at Sandown Park racecourse later this month. With the school holidays coming to a close, the Esher racecourse is helping to keep youngsters active with its first sports day alongside a day of racing.

● **Sports taster raceday; Sandown Park racecourse, Portsmouth Road, Esher; August 29, first race 2.15pm, last race 5.05pm; £18, £16.20 advance, under-18s free with a paying adult; for more information, call 01372 470047 or visit [sandown.co.uk](http://sandown.co.uk).**

**STREET FEAST:** Eat, drink and be merry at the iconic Battersea Power Station this

**Vibe SHORTS**

month. The latest event from company Street Feast is their Riverside Feast taking place on Thursday and Friday evenings and weekends until August 31.

● **Riverside Feast; Thursdays and Fridays 5pm to 11pm, Saturdays noon to 11.30pm, Sundays noon to 10pm; Thursday and Friday £4 after 6pm; Saturday and Sundays £4 all day; visit [streetfeastlondon.com](http://streetfeastlondon.com).**

The Thames Concerts Series has announced its 2014-15 season with some incredible performers lined up, *writes Lisa Leid*.

This season's line-up from September to February will feature prominent names in jazz and classical.

From September, the acclaimed mezzo-soprano Janet Shell will join skilled pianists Daryl Griffith and Simon Ferris for a feast of British music.

Later in the year, the award-winning clarinetist, Joseph Shiner will perform, as well as Welsh jazz singer Ian Shaw.

Shaw says: "It's a huge pleasure to play

the devil's music in a church, but I have played for the Thames Concert Series before and it's a wonderful audience so I look forward to returning once again."

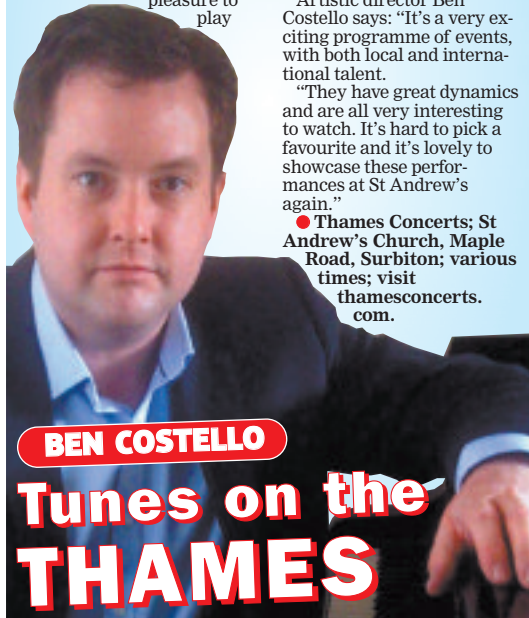
The event will return to the stunning St Andrew's Church in Surbiton, which has been compared to the world-renowned Wigmore Hall.

Next year, as the season comes to a close, internationally acclaimed British concert organist D'Arcy Trinklwon will use St Andrew's Church's Hunter organ to dazzle with Bach, Mendelssohn and more in January.

Artistic director Ben Costello says: "It's a very exciting programme of events, with both local and international talent.

"They have great dynamics and are all very interesting to watch. It's hard to pick a favourite and it's lovely to showcase these performances at St Andrew's again."

● **Thames Concerts; St Andrew's Church, Maple Road, Surbiton; various times; visit [thamesconcerts.com](http://thamesconcerts.com).**



BEN COSTELLO

**Tunes on the THAMES**

## Tales from the HOME FRONT

Much of the attention falls on the imagery and stories from the battlefields of the First World War – gas, artillery and barbed wire, *writes Jon Sharman*.

But from next month, the Rose Theatre will host tales from the home front, of families, convalescing soldiers, and the man who campaigned for better treatment for them.

The audiovisual exhibition will combine John

Galsworthy's campaign on behalf of injured servicemen with memories and stories of Kingston residents whose relatives were caught up in the war.

Organisers toiled for weeks to collate the stories, which include photographs, personal effects like medals, and a mother's letter to her son who was leaving for the front.

Organiser Kate Valentine says: "The common thread

has been that people didn't necessarily talk about it immediately. It took some time for people to open up, if they ever did.

"People have found they got to know their families through diaries and letters. It's been moving.

"I think it's paying homage to those stories."

John Galsworthy was born in Kingston Hill and later won the Nobel Prize for literature.

He also served as a hospital orderly in France during the war, when he was too old to enlist.

Galsworthy's experience in France led him to campaign vigorously for better treatment for wounded servicemen, through essays and other articles. He even set up the first magazine for disabled

servicemen. This exhibition will bring his struggle to life. An audioguide will be available for download from iTunes and Google Play, to accompany visitors around the exhibit and give access to extra content.



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JOHN GALSWORTHY

● **Galsworthy: Human Battles on the Home Front; Rose Theatre, High Street, Kingston; September 1 to October 25, guided from noon to 4pm; free; schools can book a free tour by contacting [kate@digitaldrama.org](mailto:kate@digitaldrama.org)**



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AFTERNOON TEA

# TIME FOR TEA

Champagne and strawberries, chocolate-chip plant pots and chamomile scones.

It's time we demanded more from our afternoon tea, or so London's premier tea rooms would have you believe, writes Louisa Clarence-Smith.

Soggy cucumber sandwiches, forget it. Luxury eateries today are competing for your company with increasingly fantastical sandwich and pastry selections.

Expect tea and scones, but with a twist.

Cannizaro House Hotel overlooking Wimbledon Common is an unexpected bar-raiser for cafes reinventing the age-old British tradition.

A top tier of finger sandwiches with familiar fillings of seasoned cucumber, smoked salmon and egg mayo will lull you into a false sense of security as the selection descends to extraterrestrial lime and white chocolate

## WHERE TO GO:

At Warren House in Kingston, classic afternoon tea is served in the lounge bar, orchid room and terrace, or you can upgrade to a champagne afternoon tea for some extra-special bubbly. Taking their teas very seriously indeed, pastry chef Amber Parish has also come up with some seasonal extras to go with the classics.

● **Warren House, Warren Road, Kingston KT2 7H; from £24.50; call 020 8547 1777 or visit [warrenhouse.com](http://warrenhouse.com).**

mousse fields.

Afternoon tea pastries also served are rose petal and rose water macaroons and, for more adventurous foodies, mint choc-chip plant pots with edible soil.

Sandwiched between the two extremes you will find a comforting mid-tier of butter-milk fruit scones served with homemade strawberry jam and Cornish clotted cream.

The dainty ceremony has clearly come a long way since it was introduced in England by the seventh Duchess of Bedford in 1840.

Fed up with 4pm hunger pangs, she would order a tray of tea, bread and butter and cake be brought to her room in the late afternoon.

Raspberry and panna cotta shots and blueberry and dark chocolate brownies are drawing in tea-lovers and tourists

alike to Victorian country house the Warren House in Kingston.

While the Bingham in Richmond overlooking the Thames has an alternative gluten and dairy free menu, with grilled pineapple and coconut snowballs in place of Victoria sponge for those with special dietary requirements.

At about £25 a head for a luxury high tea in south-west London, it perhaps won't tempt you away from your Starbucks and blueberry muffin pick-me-up, but that's not the point.

For treat-seekers and bon-viveurs, tea rooms today are giving their best shot at creating cream tea ceremonies to compete in a drinks industry overwhelmed with coffee conglomerates and artisan roast breweries.

## VINTAGE VOCALS



## THE ROCKABELLAS

Keen amateurs can join professional vintage vocal group the Rockabellas and local choir leader Jim Hawkins for a singing workshop in Teddington later this month.

The close-harmony trio, who have recently been touring the country with the Battle Proms, will share tips and advice for their particular style of singing at the Normansfield Theatre, on Saturday, August 23.

Those taking part will have the chance to learn two new songs in three-part harmony – That Man, by Caro Emerald, and the 1940s Glenn Miller classic Chattanooga Choo Choo.

Mr Hawkins, who leads Kingston Rock Choir, is known for creating a fun and

friendly atmosphere at his workshops and welcomes all levels of experience.

He said: "All you need is a love of singing and a willingness to join in. The Rockabellas have offered to sing with us and share expert tips and advice for this genre, which could be anything from costumes to vocal technique."

● **Vintage Vocals; Normansfield Theatre, Teddington; Saturday, August 23, 1pm to 5.30pm plus evening performance by the Rockabellas from 7pm to 9pm; £30; book online at [james-hawkins-music.com](http://james-hawkins-music.com).**



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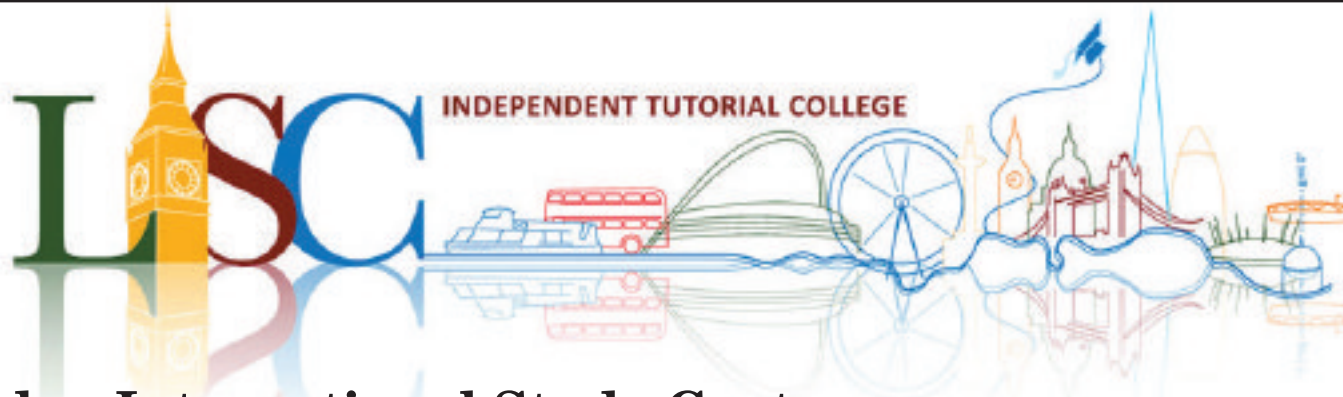
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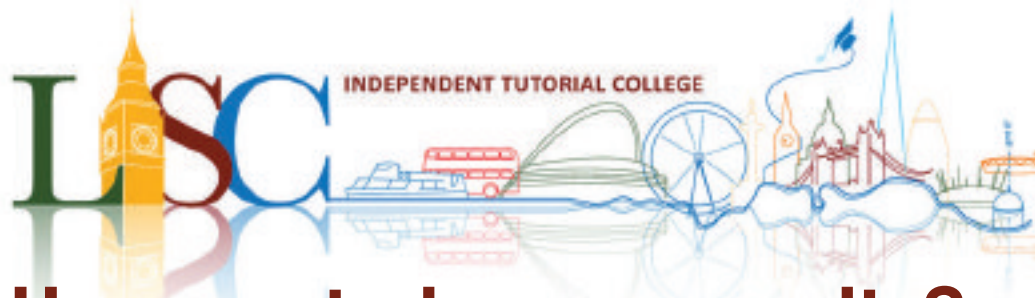
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## Avoid a disaster on home front

### Protect your property while you're on holiday

New research reveals that many of us returning home from holiday may well come back to a domestic disaster.

The research comes from AA Home Membership which found a quarter of those surveyed faced a problem back home.

The most common problem was a water leak which struck almost a third of those who'd had a home emergency. That was followed by a boiler breakdown, burglary (15 per cent) and wasp nests (13 per cent). Electrical faults (11 per cent) and broken appliances (11 per cent) also featured highly.

As well as the misfortune of suffering one of these problems, the cost of repairing it isn't cheap. In fact, half of those who had a water leak paid over £100 to fix it. An unlucky one in five had to fork out more than £1,000.

Helen Brooker, head of AA Home Membership said: "It's really unlucky to have something

go wrong when you're not around to put it right, or at least stop it from getting worse.

"While a lot of these disasters are probably completely unexpected, there are a couple of things you can do to help prevent things going wrong. It's a good idea to turn off your water at the stopcock just in case a weak pipe joint or a washing machine valve decides to fail and soak your house while you're soaking up the sun.

"If you have a friend or neighbour close by who you trust it's worth giving them a spare key so they can pop in from time to time to check on the house – and bring in the post and perhaps water your plants while they're there."

To reduce the risk of a domestic disaster, nine out of ten holidaymakers check that windows and doors are locked before they go away. Almost three quarters turn off all



**A burst pipe caused this ceiling to collapse while the house was left empty**

electrical appliances and nearly four out of 10 switch the boiler off.

But Mrs Brooker points out: "Only a fifth turns off their water

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This could partly be attributed to changes in the Funding for Lending Scheme that came in at the start of 2014. Funding for Lending was launched in July 2012 with the aim to incentivise banks and building societies to increase the amount they lend

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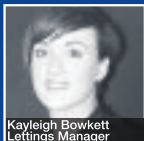
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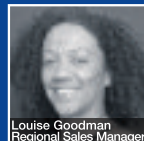
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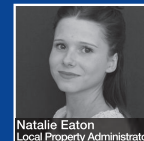
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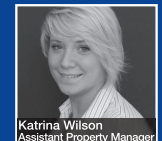
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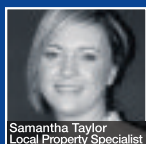
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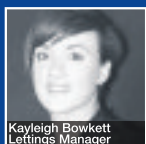
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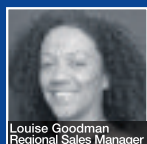
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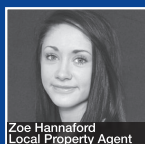
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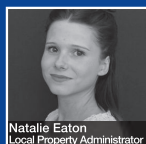
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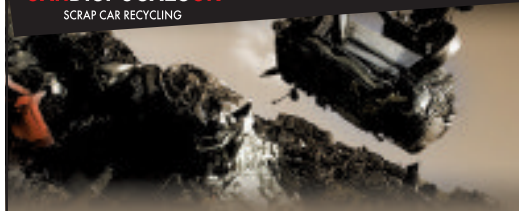
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## Alcott rings the RideLondon bell

Four-time Winter Olympian Chemmy Alcott swapped her skis for the saddle last weekend to take part in the Prudential RideLondon-Surrey 100 last weekend.

The 32-year-old former Surbiton High School pupil completed the 86-mile race

in five hours, 27 minutes 32 seconds.

But it was not all about pumping the pedals as Alcott, pictured, was also on hand to help 639 cyclists set a new Guinness world record for the largest bike bell orchestra at the Guildhall London on Saturday.



More sport: kingstonguardian.co.uk

## Howard remains unfazed

Corinthian Casuals Boss Matt Howard refused to be down-hearted despite a 3-0 opening day defeat at home to Sittingbourne, writes Stuart Tree.

The defeat leaves Casuals bottom of the fledgling Ryman Division One South table ahead of last night's trip to Worthing.

Sittingbourne took a first half lead through George Crimmen, before a second half David Abe brace put the nail in the Casuals' coffin.



**Boiling over:** Casuals Ross Defoe, left, gets on the wrong side of the ref

Howard said: "It's certainly not what we wanted.

"It's not an ideal result at all as you want to get on the board right away.

"I'm not going to get carried away though.

"If we had won 3-0, I wouldn't be saying we'll win the league, just as I'm saying because we lost 3-0 doesn't mean we're going to get relegated."

He added: "I actually thought we played OK throughout the game.

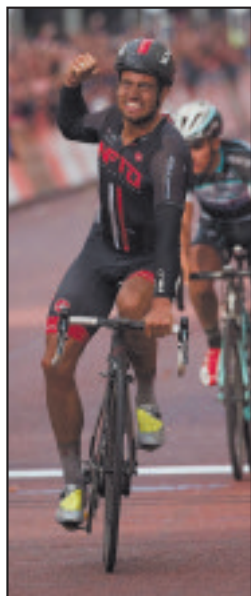
"There's a bit of work to be done defensively, as to concede two goals from set plays is frustrating.

"If you had stats on possession, you'd probably say we had 80 per cent of the ball, so there are positives to take even though the end product wasn't there."

Casuals went to Worthing last night, and to Burgess Hill Town this weekend.



**Got you:** Danny Dudley gets his challenge in



## Cyclists battle through the wind and rain

Pain in the rain: Adam Blythe beat the competition and horrendous weather on Sunday to win the London-Surrey Classic road race. The Brit, pictured left leading the front-runners, finished ahead of fellow Brit Ben Swift in a sprint finish over the last 300m – Julian Alaphilippe of France took third. Blythe took the tape on the Mall at the end of the 200km race in four hours 39 minutes 53 seconds. Olympic gold medallist Sir Bradley Wiggins finished 34 seconds off the pace in 30th. The weekend of racing also saw more than 20,000 amateurs take on the Prudential RideLondon-Surrey 100, which took in Kingston, won by 43-year-old Ian Rees from Bristol. Turn to page 5 for more

Pictures: Prudential RideLondon

# Williams: Unbeaten Ks still have work to do

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Kingstonian boss Tommy Williams says there is work to do ahead of the weekend, despite an unbeaten start to their Ryman Premier Division campaign.

Ks followed up Saturday's 5-2 win at Enfield Town, with goals from Andre McCollin, Elvis Hammond (two) and Tyrone Berry, plus an own goal, with a 1-1 draw at home to Dulwich Hamlet on Monday night.

Hammond and McCollin were given the nod to lead the line against Hamlet, but it was Tommy Kavanagh's delicate free-kick in the second half – Ks' only effort on target – that levelled Terrell Forbes' opener and ensured a share of the spoils.

Williams said: "Monday night was a good advert for Ryman Premier football.

"Both sides played nice football, and it could have gone either way at the end."

He added: "We lost our shape a little bit, which we'll be working on in training on Thursday, but overall a point was fair."

Nathaniel Pinney was a late second half substitute and he missed a glorious chance to take all three points but he failed to make decent contact with Kavanagh's excellent cross.

"I was quite pleased overall, but it was just that final third, or that final shot where we were a little bit unlucky," Williams said.

"I don't think either keeper had a save to make in the second half."

This weekend, Ks host AFC Hornchurch.

**For the full report pick up Friday's Surrey Comet.**

Meanwhile, former director and president Lawrence Cooley has been named president of the Ks supporters club – making him the first person in the club's history to have held the posts of president of the football club and president of the supporters club.

**HOME SWEET HOME:** Kingstonian goalkeeper Rob Tolfrey has revealed the secret behind his five-year, and counting, stay at Kingsmeadow. The 26-year-old joined Ks from Horsham in 2009 and has become a fans' favourite, being named supporters' player of the season on two occasions. Tolfrey said: "Ks is my football home, it is where I feel most comfortable and I want to stay as long as possible. When Alan [Dowson] left, I had a chat with Tommy [Williams] and liked what I heard." For the full story go to [kingstonguardian.co.uk/sport](http://kingstonguardian.co.uk/sport).

**OPENING UP A GAP:** Malden Wanderers CC thrashed Camberley by eight wickets on Saturday to put more breathing space between themselves and the Division One dropzone. Michael Cottrell (3-21) and Tom Bartram (3-16) were outstanding with the ball as Camberley were dismissed for a paltry 63. It took Malden just 12.4 overs to knock off the target, with Pete Young finishing unbeaten on 31. Malden go to Old Whitgiftians this weekend.

**BATTLING ON:** Kingstonian CC remain just four points outside the Division Four relegation places despite a 10-run win over Churt. Raza Sikander (70) top scored as Kingstonian carded 224-9 off 50 overs. With the ball, Kingstonian, who go to Old Emanuel this weekend, skittled Churt for 214.

**WILSON LEADS THE GROUP:** The Kingston parkrun was won by Christopher Wilson of 26.6 RRC in 18 minutes 33 seconds. The fastest woman was Wiebke Kortum of Ranelagh Harriers in 21:48. Stragglers had six first through the tape on Saturday: Daniel Harris (Bedfont Lakes, 18:53), Liz Killip (Crane Park, 20:37), Maddie Garner (Forest Rec, 19:37), Jonathan Smith (Old Deer Park, 17:59), Simon Ford (Reigate Priory, 18:30) and Cathy Davis (Roundshaw Downs, 23:24).

**STARTING THEM YOUNG:** It was a day for the young pretenders on Saturday when Surbiton Hockey Club kicked off their pre-season campaign with a 7-3 win at Conference East outfit Brighton & Hove. Morgan Males, 14, enjoyed a goal-scoring debut, while Kingston Grammar School pupils Ben Park, 15, made a goal, and Owen Williamson, also 15, came close to getting on the scoresheet.

**IN THE SQUAD:** East Molesey triathlete Mike Essex has just been selected for Team GB in the 40+ category at the Triathlon World Championships. The gun goes on August 29 in Edmonton, Canada.

**HAND IT TO ARNOLD:** Steven Arnold finished eighth in the Prudential RideLondon handycycle classic last weekend. The 34-year-old finished the 15-mile course from Kingston to central London in 45 minutes 50 seconds, 6:31 behind the winner Walter Ablinger from Austria.

**TRIALISTS:** Molesey FC are looking for players aged between 15 and 18 on August 31. Players must be of, or working to, county standard level and be available on Monday and Wednesday nights. Contact Mark Coleman on 07946 323874.

**Get off:** Ks Chris Henry feels the attentions of Ethan Pinnock in the 1-1 draw with Dulwich Hamlet

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